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1. DEPARTMENT SHARES EMBASSY SANTIAGO'S VIEW THAT
SUGGESTED ASSISTANCE TO CHILEAN RADICAL PARTY LEADERS
ANSELMO SULE AND CARLOS PARRA IN WASHINGTON COULD TAKE ON
APPEARANCE OF SPONSORSHIP. GIVEN COMPLEXITIES NOT ONLY
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OF CHILEAN RADICAL PARTY INTERNAL POLITICS BUT OF CURRENT
EFFORTS OF CHILEAN LEFT AND CENTER TO EXPLORE COMMON
GROUNDS FOR JOINT ACTION IN OPPOSITION TO GOC, MORE THAN
NORMAL USG INTEREST IN AND RECEPTIVITY TO
SULE/PARRA VISIT WOULD INDEED BE TAKEN AS POLITICALLY
MEANINGFUL BY THE CHILEAN OPPOSITION AND ITS INTERNA-
TIONAL SUPPORTERS. IT WOULD ALSO BE TAKEN BY GOC AS

EVIDENCE OF USG INTERVENTION IN CHILEAN POLITICS, ABOUT WHICH IT IS ALREADY DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS.

2. DEPARTMENT SEES LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY DEPARTING FROM ESTABLISHED POLICY IN DEALING WITH CHILEAN DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION LEADERSHIP. POLICY HAS BEEN TO GRANT APPOINTMENTS, WHEN REQUESTED, WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS APPROPRIATE RANK. DEPARTMENT WILL COMMENT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO OTHER USG OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE WHEN APPOINTMENTS ARE SOUGHT DIRECTLY WITH THEM. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 1977 FORMER PRESIDENT FREI WAS RECEIVED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND FORMER ALLENDE FOREIGN MINISTER ALMEYDA SAW THE DEPUTY SECRETARY. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN AND HA ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN (OR THEIR SENIOR DEPUTIES IF THEY SHOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE) MIGHT APPROPRIATELY RECEIVE SULE AND PARRA.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE OR ADVISABLE TO ASSIST IN SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS FOR SULE AND PARRA WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND OFFICES IN THE EXECUTIVE OR IN THE CONGRESS. VANCE UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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